

ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TATTOO POLICY

Employees of the St. Petersburg Police Department must comply with department policy governing tattoos. Policy compliance may directly impact eligibility for employment; therefore, applicants considered for employment are required to review the policy and complete this form.

**POLICY:**

- Tattoos on the hands, face, neck and scalp **are prohibited.**
- Tattoos on any other body part are required to be covered. Regardless of their location, tattoos that are potentially offensive to the community, as determined by the Chief of Police, are prohibited.
- Exception: one tattoo is permitted to be visible and may remain uncovered on the arm between the wrist and two inches above the inside bend of the elbow if the maximum dimensions are less than 3"x 5" (as tested by placing a standard 3"x 5" note card over the tattoo); and the visible tattoo must not be potentially offensive to the community, as determined by the Chief of Police.
- Covering tattoos in order to meet the standard must be done using apparel approved by the department.
- Exceptions to the tattoo policy must be authorized by the Chief of Police.

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**APPLICANT:** Do you have any tattoos? Yes No

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PLEASE CHECK ALL STATEMENTS THAT APPLY TO YOU AND PROVIDE NECESSARY DETAILS:**

- I do not have any tattoos on my hands, face, neck or scalp.
- I have only one (1) tattoo on my arm that is between the wrist and 2" above the inside bend of the elbow which is smaller than 3"x 5" and is not potentially offensive to the community. I understand that, if I am employed in the Police Department, this single tattoo can remain visible.
- I have one or more tattoos that, pursuant to the City's tattoo policy, **do not impact** my eligibility for employment. I understand that, if I am employed in the Police Department, I must cover all tattoos using approved items.
- I have one or more tattoos **that may be considered offensive** to the community. I am providing the following description for evaluation. This description includes the image(s) depicted by the tattoo(s), the size(s) of the tattoo(s), and the location(s) of the tattoo(s) on my body:

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I, the undersigned applicant, acknowledge: 1) I have read the tattoo policy; 2) I have properly disclosed the information required; and 3) I understand that failure to answer truthfully will make me ineligible for any future City employment for five (5) years; or, if hired, could result in termination from employment.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Applicant Printed Name